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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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To Commissioner For Patents

Please enter the following submission and withdraw the finality of the proceeding office action or withdraw any pending appeal and reopen prosecution before the Examiner.

Application Number	09/857,310
Filing Date	JUNE 1, 2001
First Named Inventor	JOHANNES J. VAN VAALS
Group Art Unit	2859
Examiner Name	T. FETZNER
Attorney Docket Number	PHN 17651

This is an RCE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application (which is made prior to: payment of issue fee; abandonment; notice of appeal to the CAFC; or commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146.)

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☒ **Previously submitted**

i. ☒ **Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on DECEMBER 10, 2003.**  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ **Enclosed**

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s) Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (may not be a brief)

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (May not exceed 3 months; Fee required per 37 C.F.R. § 1.117(i))

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

a. ☒ **The Commissioner For Patents is hereby authorized to charge all required fees except the issue fee or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.**

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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